

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS STUDENTS IN MRS. TOLIN'S CLASS! ☺

In the beginning of the year when you received your class syllabus, you were told that you would later be responsible for obtaining a copy of the book, The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis. Well, the time is here! ☺

“What’s the name of the book, again?”

The Watsons Go to Birmingham,
written by Christopher Paul Curtis

“When do I need it by?”

Please obtain a copy of this book and begin bringing it to class—*daily!*—by **Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013**.

“Where can I get the book? How much is it?”

Some Lower-cost options:

- The Nordonias Middle School book store is selling copies (limited quantity) for \$5.00
- \$6.99 for Kindle edition, purchase through Amazon.com

Free options:

- You may also borrow one from an older sibling or peer who is no longer using their copy.
- You may borrow/sign-out one from a public library such as:
 - Nordonias Hills Branch Akron-Summit County Public Library, 9458 Olde 8 Rd. (330) 467-8595
 - Brecksville Branch Library, 9089 Brecksville Rd. (330) 526-1102
 - Twinsburg Public Library, 10050 Ravenna Rd. (330-425-4268)

“Can I bring in my Kindle?”

Some students have asked for permission to use and bring an electronic reading device (such as a Kindle) to school. Accountable students who understand the responsibilities associated with this choice and those who BRING A LETTER FROM THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPRESSING CONSENT may choose to use an E-reader in class in place of obtaining a hard/soft copy book.

*Please note, however, that this can cause some confusion while in class when teachers and students are referring to specific passages or chapters found on shared page numbers.

“What will we be doing with it?”

Reading it, of course! ☺ And... In addition to studying historical events of the time period (Civil Rights Movement), characterization, author’s purpose and use of tone, vocabulary, figurative language and other parts of plot, we will continue our practice in taking annotated notes in the margins of the book. Students using an e-reader that does not offer this feature, and students using books that have not been personally purchased by them will need to take annotated notes on separate sheets of paper instead. Mainly, it will be the student’s responsibility to manage any potential challenges associated with this, if he/she chooses either option.

Thank you! If you have any concerns or questions about obtaining the book within this time frame, please encourage a parent/guardian to contact me at Anna.Tolin@nordoniaschools.org.

